

WI-334
Eunity Elderdice House
Mardela Springs
Private

c. 1886

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Eunity Elderdice House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-334

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-334

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Eunity Elderdice House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 315 Main Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Mardela Springs ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Tracy and Yvonne Green

street & number 315 Main Street telephone no.:

city, town Mardela Springs state and zip code Md 21837

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 200, p. 225
liber 1085

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 734

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Eunity Elderdice house is located at 315 Main Street in the center of Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame dwelling faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Estimated to date around 1870-80, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay, center hall/single pile dwelling is supported on a continuous, low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story service wing.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The heavily molded four-panel front doors is flanked by a four-light transom and a three-light sidelights. The front entrance is sheltered by a flat roofed porch supported by chamfered posts embellished by sawn brackets. The flanking two-over-two sash windows are framed by plain surrounds and were fitted with louvered shutters. The shutter hinges are intact, but the louvered shutters have been removed. Lighting the second floor are three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows. Centered on the roof is a steeply pitched cross gable pierced by a pointed arch window. The eaves of the roof are extended and the rafter ends are enclosed within a boxed cornice. Piercing the roofline is a pair of internal brick chimneys topped by corbeled caps. The four corners of the main block are trimmed with plain corner pilasters.

The east gable end features a single-story, five-sided bay window pierced by single-pane sash windows on three sides. Piercing the second floor is a paired set of single-pane sash windows. The upper gable end is marked by a pointed arch attic window. The eaves of the roof are extended with returns at the base.

The west gable end is pierced by pairs of two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors. Small two-pane windows light the attic.

The north (rear) wall is largely covered by the two-story, two-bay service wing, which is lighted by six-over-six sash windows. An enclosed shed roofed addition extends to the east. Protruding through the gable end is an interior end brick stove chimney.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The house deserves listing in *Category B* due to its intact architectural character. It contributes to the historic integrity of Mardela Springs' principal avenue.

¹ Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 1/257, 18 March 1886.

² Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 307/404, 5 October 1948.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Private Consultant

date 1/25/98

street & number P. O. Box 5

telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover

state Maryland 21871

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514-7600

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Eunity Elderdice House
315 Main Street
Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title
Map 200, Parcel 225

1085/734 Elizabeth A. Glasgow
Personal Rep. of the Estate of Mamie L. Bailey

to

11/25/1986 Tracy A. Green
Yvonne Green

JWTS 627/572 May E. Brinsfield, widow

to

4/18/1966 Dow W. Bailey
Mamie Lee Bailey

JWTS 422/347 Calvin L. Brinsfield, assignee, due to a default in mortgage

to

6/28/1955 May E. Brinsfield

326/411 Arthur C. Brinsfield, Jr.
May E. Brinsfield

to

1/2/1951 Arthur C. Brinsfield and wife Betty Ann Brinsfield

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315 Main Street

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Chain of title continued

JWTS 307/404

Herman E. Perdue, trustee

to

10/5/1948

Arthur C. Brinsfield

May E. Brinsfield

Decree of Circuit Court

Walter R. Holloway and S. Preston Holloway partners
trading as Holloway & Company, complainants

Lawrence C. Freeny, Adm. of the Estate of Augustus
Webster Elderdice, et al. Being No. 7776 in Chancery

Being that land owned by Augustus Webster Elderdice
deceased, late of Wicomico County, Maryland, said land
having descended unto the said Augustus Webster
Elderdice, John M. Elderdice, and Alice M. Freeny, widow
John M. Elderdice and Edna U. Elderdice

JCK 114/75

Alice M. Freeny, widow, John M. Elderdice, and Edna U.
Elderdice

to

10/10/1919

Augustus Webster Elderdice

Whereas Eunity Elderdice by her purported last will and
testament dated 2/2/1917 JWD 1/282 attempted to devise
the hereinafter described property to her son
Augustus Webster Elderdice

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315 Main Street

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Chain of title continued

FMS 1/257

Train A. Bounds, et al. Exec. of George W. Bounds, dec'd

to

3/18/1886

Eunity Elderdice

\$200 "Ill Neighborhood" or " Friends Folly"

132 perches situated in the village of Barren Creek
Springs



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101-434

Run on, from the House

Morning Sun in House

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

1/98, Pine Thicket, Providence

NE (on Thicket) Pine

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